

# I'on Swamp Interpretive Trail



A fascinating walk through a wetland world, this historic, self-guided, interpretive trail traverses embankments built by humans dating back to the 1700s. The embankments and ditches were built to create a patchwork of fields for rice production during the lucrative rice era of the low country.

With water pooling on both sides of the trail, travelers will witness a wide array of wildlife from the wood duck to the yellowbelly slider turtle and the great blue heron. Alligators float in the serene pools alongside the trail, while a river otter occasionally scoots across the footpath.

## Surrounding area

- Buck Hall Recreation Area
- Cape Romain National Wildlife Refuge (843) 928-3264
- Sewee Shell Mound Interpretive Trail

## For more information

### *Wambaw Office*

PO Box 788, McClellanville, SC 29458

Phone: (843) 887-3257

Hours: Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

### *Witherbee Office*

2421 Witherbee Road, Cordesville, SC 29434

Phone: (843) 336-3248

Hours: Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

### *Sewee Visitor and Environmental Education Center*

5821 US Highway 17 North, Awendaw, SC 29429

Phone: (843) 928-3368

Hours: Tuesday - Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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**Directions:** From Charleston, take US Highway 17 North to I'on Swamp Road (FS Road 228). Turn left and drive 2.0 miles to the trailhead on the left.

**Difficulty Level:** Moderate

**Length:** 2.5 miles

**Surface:** Unsurfaced, grassy

**Season:** Year round. From December through March a large portion of the trail may be submerged to provide habitat for waterfowl.

**Safety:** During temperate months, be prepared for biting insects and high temperatures. Be advised of big-game and waterfowl hunting seasons. Avoid using the trail during excessively wet periods.

**Restrictions:** No camping. Hikers and day use only.

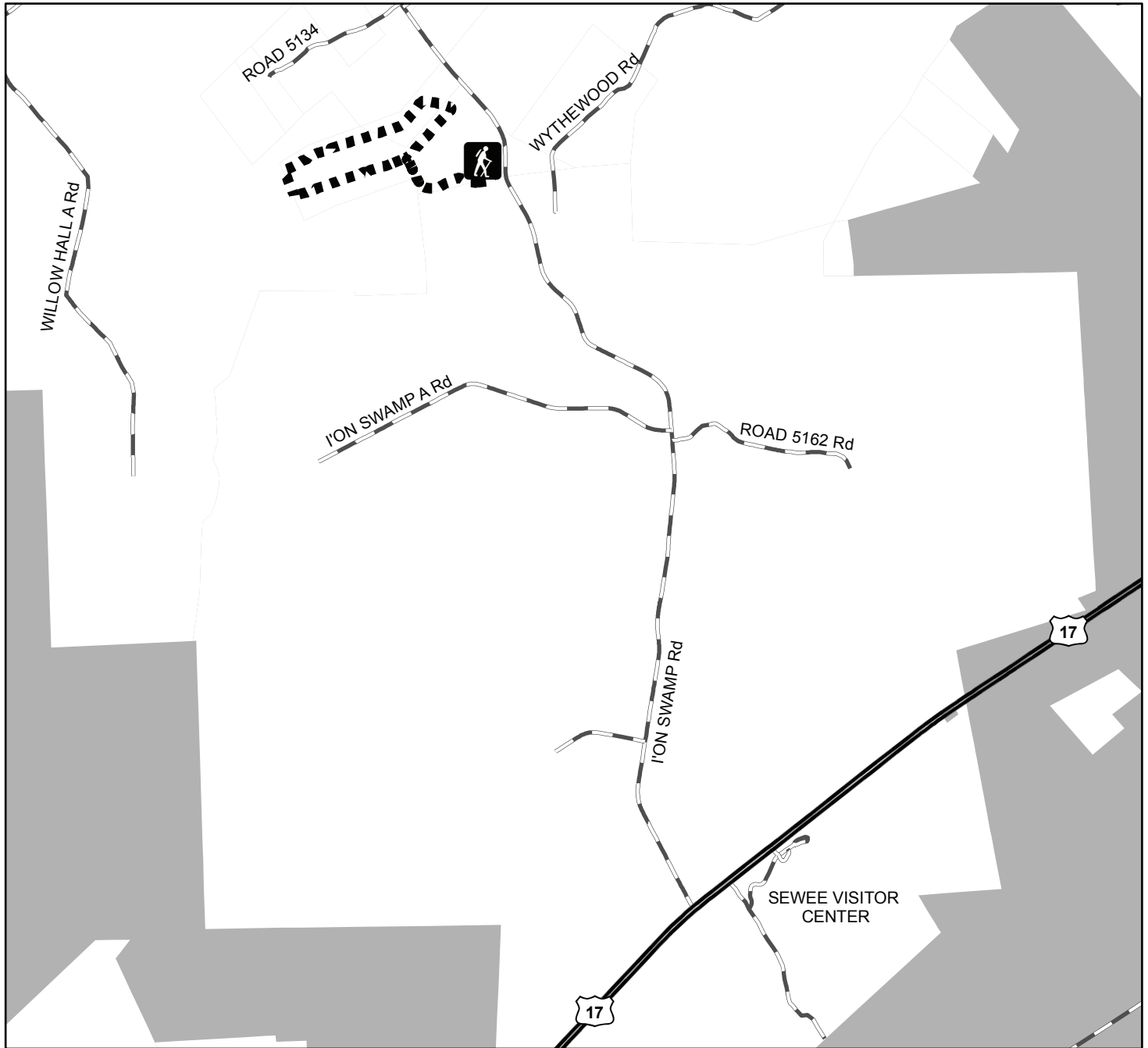
**Travel Time:** Two hours

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